

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed on November 16, 2006, the Examiner maintained his rejection of claims 6-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Gaul and Junker or the combination of Gaul, Junker, and Follrath. On February 15, 2007, Applicant filed an Amendment and Response After Final, which included amendments to claims 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, and 16. On March 1, 2007, the Examiner mailed an Advisory Action, which notified Applicant that the claim amendments presented on February 15, 2007 would not be entered because they raised new issues and would require a further search.

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of this application and further requests that the attached claim amendment be entered and examined. Claims 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15 and 16 have been amended in accordance with the Amendment presented on February 15, 2007. No new matter has been introduced into the claims by the present Amendment. Applicant submits that claims 6-17 are patentable in view of the combination of Gaul and Junker or the combination of Gaul, Junker and Follrath at least for all of the reasons presented in Applicant's Response to the Final Office Action filed on February 15, 2007.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 6-17 are in condition for allowance and request favorable action. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the number below if in the Examiner's view it would expedite the examination of the application.

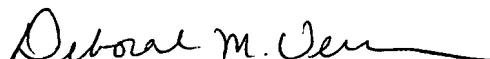
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee occasioned by the entry of this paper to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 16-2500.

Respectfully submitted,

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